



Washington State Department of

**Early Learning**

## **ECEAP Reminders and Links**

**November 1, 2008**

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### **Due Dates**

- Register for [ECEAP Contractor Training](#), Part Two . . . . . By November 6
- Register for Bremerton [Deeper DECA Training](#) . . . . . By November 14
- Update EMS Child Enrollment Forms with all October entrances and exits, and completed medical exams and dental screening. . . . . By November 15
- Submit October Program Activity Forms (PAF) & voucher . . .By November 15
- Register for Renton [Deeper DECA Training](#) . . . . . By November 21
- Complete health screenings (Standard D- 7) . . . . By 90 days from class start
- Complete dental screenings (Standard D- 8) . . . . By 90 days from class start
- Complete medical exams (Standard D- 9) . . . . . By 90 days from class start
- Next DEL ECEAP Directors Meeting . . . . . March 5-6, 2009

### **ECEAP Updates and Announcements**

#### **Using ECEAP Dollars for Federal Match**

DEL needs to determine how much of your ECEAP dollars, if any, your agency plans to use for federal match during this state fiscal year, July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009. Your ECEAP Specialist will ask you for this information during your regular monthly call. Currently, about 20% of ECEAP dollars are used at the state level as match required for the Child Care Development Fund (CCDF) grant. It is important to know exactly how much of ECEAP you are or will be using as federal match, so that DEL can use any unmatched ECEAP funds to support child care subsidies and child care quality for Washington families.

## **ECEAP Steering Committee**

The ECEAP Steering Committee meets monthly by conference call to serve as an important communication link between DEL and ECEAP directors. Eight directors are elected by their “branches” for two-year terms. See meeting minutes and the roster of steering committee members and branches, under Contractor Information/Steering Committee, at <http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/default.aspx>

## **Health and Nutrition Coordinators Meeting**

Join ECEAP and Head Start health and nutrition coordinators, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m on November 20. Topics include lead testing, coordination with family support staff, and Children’s Hospital’s new oral health program. There are four ways to attend:

- In person, at Puget Sound ESD in Renton.
- By phone, 425.917.7996 or 253.778.7996.
- By videoconference from a school or ESD. Have your tech staff call Sue Gettman at 425-917-7600 or 1-800-664-4549 to set up the link. If you set up a videoconference site and others can be invited, please let Rebecca know at [Rebecca.heinrich@del.wa.gov](mailto:Rebecca.heinrich@del.wa.gov)
- By webinar, if you have high speed internet. Contact Suzanne at 425.917.7600 or 1.800.664.4549 ext 7874.

## **Report from the October 3rd ECEAP Directors Meeting**

Almost all ECEAP Directors were able to attend the meeting in Yakima on October 3, 2008. Discussion topics included ECEAP enrollment, staff qualifications, the Washington Head Start study, OSPI transportation funding formulas, and the effects of border patrol activities on ECEAP families. Special thanks to the directors who volunteered for the panel presentations on how they conduct ECEAP self-assessment and how they gather and report ECEAP outcomes. Comments included: “This was an awesome meeting. We had the opportunity to share on self-assessment and outcomes, as well as discuss enrollment info.” “The meeting was great. I don’t get to network very often, and it’s very important. I encourage people to come out for the March 5-6 meeting.”

The powerpoint, handouts, and minutes of this meeting are now available on the DEL website at <http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/default.aspx> under Contractor Information/Directors Meeting Materials.

## **New Training Materials from DEL**

At the October 3<sup>rd</sup> ECEAP Directors meeting, DEL staff distributed DVDs that could be useful for training and supporting classroom staff. This included two DVDs from Devereux on Challenging Behaviors and two DVDs within a book from Teaching Strategies on implementing Creative Curriculum. Both sets have realistic and informative vignettes that could be used independently. Please make sure that these resources get to the right staff in your agency for maximum use.

## Training Opportunities

### **Deeper DECA Training**

*Bremerton, November 14, and Renton, November 21*

This is for staff who have completed Basic Implementation training. It will deepen your understanding of using DECA to plan classroom strategies and curriculum, communicate with families, and meet the needs of individual children. Register at [http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/FALL2008\\_DECAflyer-registration.doc](http://www.del.wa.gov/publications/eceap/docs/FALL2008_DECAflyer-registration.doc)

### **ECEAP Contractor Training**

*Moses Lake, November 13-14*

This training is now full! Contact [susan.dunlap@del.wa.gov](mailto:susan.dunlap@del.wa.gov) if you are registered but unable to attend, so that we can admit people from the waiting list. We hope to offer this popular training again in spring 2009.

### **Tobacco Cessation Pilot Project Training**

*Kent, November 12-13*

Free training on tobacco addiction and health impacts, effects on children's health and development, intervention strategies, and motivational interviewing. Contact [katy@wsaheadstarteceap.com](mailto:katy@wsaheadstarteceap.com) to register.

### **Washington State Supporting Military Kids and Families Summit**

*Tacoma, Nov. 14*

<http://www.regonline.com/Checkin.asp?EventId=648040>

### **Policy Council Leadership Training**

*Red Lion Seattle Airport, November 20-21*

The Washington State Association of Head Start & ECEAP is offering training for policy council leaders and Head Start/ECEAP staff. The training will include policy council roles and responsibilities, meeting and budget skills, and parent engagement. Registration \$150; \$119 plus tax for hotel rooms.

[http://www.wsaheadstarteceap.com/events\\_training.html](http://www.wsaheadstarteceap.com/events_training.html)

### **Collaborative Leadership Institute 2009 (CLI)**

CLI is a 10-month intensive leadership development program for emerging early learning leaders in Washington. DEL is one of the sponsors of CLI. Participants:

- Develop an innovative project to benefit their community.
- Increase self-awareness of their personal leadership style.
- Explore leadership research and literature.
- Learn to understand early learning as a system.
- Cultivate a broad range of strategies to achieve goals.
- Gain ability to harness resources to fuel their actions.
- Create change and make an impact in the field of early learning.

ECEAP contractors are encouraged to identify emerging leaders in their agencies and support their applications to CLI. Learn about requirements and find the application form, due January 9, 2009, at <http://www.wsaheadstarteceap.com/cli.html>.

## Resource Links

**ECEAP Staff on NPR!** National Public Radio is doing a four-part series on tobacco. Some Renton ECEAP staff and parents were interviewed on the Tobacco Cessation project. This will air November 17.

**Health and nutrition tools** This new web site provides tools to help you connect families to food programs, health insurance, health education materials and more. You can also download or order written health education materials.

[www.parenthelp123.org/professionals](http://www.parenthelp123.org/professionals)

**Getting School Ready!** These booklets, about preparing young learners for kindergarten, are available in seven languages – Cambodian, Chinese, English, Russian, Somali, Spanish and Vietnamese. The booklets are free, but you pay shipping and handling on orders more than 26. Order yours at <http://www.earlylearning.org/resources/publications/getting-school-ready>.

**Immigration and Border Patrol Issues** There are approximately five million US children with at least one undocumented parent. This report details the impact of immigration raids on the well-being of children and provides recommendations - <http://www.urban.org/publications/411566.html>.

The National Immigration Law Center, [www.nilc.org](http://www.nilc.org), has materials for families:

*Immigration Enforcement: Know Your Rights at Home and at Work*

[http://www.nilc.org/ce/nilc/imm\\_enfrmnt\\_homework\\_rts\\_2008-05.pdf](http://www.nilc.org/ce/nilc/imm_enfrmnt_homework_rts_2008-05.pdf).

*What to Do If You Are Arrested or Detained by Immigration*

English: [http://www.nilc.org/ce/nilc/to\\_do\\_if\\_arrested\\_2007-08.pdf](http://www.nilc.org/ce/nilc/to_do_if_arrested_2007-08.pdf)

Spanish: [http://www.nilc.org/ce/nilc/to\\_do\\_if\\_arrested\\_sp\\_2007-08.pdf](http://www.nilc.org/ce/nilc/to_do_if_arrested_sp_2007-08.pdf)

**Sustaining the gains of quality prekindergarten programs** A new report from the Foundation for Child Development documents how America's public schools are coming up short in educating our youngest students--particularly those from racial and ethnic minority backgrounds. They propose a vision for a new system, designed to bring all of our students to proficiency by the end of third grade. It would require expansion of high-quality pre-k and full-day kindergarten programs, as well as quality improvements in the early grades, so that elementary schools build on the learning gains children make in high-quality pre-k and full-day kindergarten, rather than allowing those gains to fade out. [http://www.fcd-us.org/resources/resources\\_show.htm?doc\\_id=711495](http://www.fcd-us.org/resources/resources_show.htm?doc_id=711495)

**Autism Guidebook for Washington State: A Resource for Individuals, Families, and Professionals.** The guidebook can be downloaded as one entire document or by chapters from <http://www.doh.wa.gov/cfh/mch/Autism/guidebook.htm>. On the same page is an additional and important survey tool which will gather input from you on who is using this manual, why, and how it could be more useful.